

# Appendix A

## Public Input

### A.0 Overview

In order to gain local knowledge and opinions, a public outreach component was included in the planning efforts for the Holly Springs Pedestrian Master Plan. Public input was gathered through several different means with the chief efforts being public meetings and opinion surveys.

### A.1 Public Meetings

Two public meetings were held during the planning process. During these public meetings, public input was taken in the form of map markups and comments and through discussions between citizens, consultant staff from Greenways Incorporated, and Holly Springs staff, from Engineering, the Parks and Recreation Department, and Planning. In addition, a public comment form was developed for Holly Springs and distributed for hand written opinionated responses during the first and second public meeting.

The first public meeting, on April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2006 at Bass Lake Park, was held to inform the public about the process and gather early input and recommendations. A total of 27 people signed in at the first public meeting.

The second public meeting, on September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2006 at Womble Park, was held to present preliminary recommendations to the public in order to receive feedback. A total of 50 people attended the second public meeting.

#### Map and Discussion Comment Results

The hand written comments on the maps were analyzed by consultant staff and taken into consideration during the development of the pedestrian network. Specific segments that were recommended during the Public Meetings, were added as a weight in the determination of segment prioritization (See Appendix B).



### Public Meeting 1

The following lists of comment results were taken directly from the hand written comments on the Public Comment Maps from the first Public Meeting. Many of the requests for new or improved sidewalks and trails were along major arterial roadway corridors or between specific housing developments, commercial centers, parks, and downtown.



#### Sidewalks Requests:

- Raleigh Street (Multiple Requests)
- Grigsby Street (Multiple Requests)
- Holly Springs Road from NC55 to Main Street (fill in gaps)
- Holly Springs Road from Main Street to Grassy Meadow (fill in gaps)
- Main Street (fill in gaps)
- Bass Lake from Earp to Stinson
- Lakeside to Raleigh
- Holly Springs Crossing to Bass Lake
- Salem Ridge to Bass Lake Park (with crosswalk)
- Homegrown Pizza to the Learning Center
- Bass Lake Road from Holly Springs Road to Bass Lake Park
- Holly Springs Road from Raleigh Street to Main Street
- Sunset Ridge on Holly Springs Road to Harris Teeter Shopping Center
- Fill in all gaps on Main Street
- Fill in gaps on Sunset Lake Road
- Holly Springs Road from Linksland to Sunset Lake

#### Trail/Greenway Requests

- Connect Future Veteran's Park to Jones Park
- Connect greenway in Ballenridge Subdivision under NC55 to Holly Glen/Braxton Village
- Upgrade/Improve greenway in Oakhall Subdivision. Overgrown and broken pavement
- Construct trail from Downtown to Springs
- Greenway from Womble to Bass Lake (3 requests)
- Finish greenway loop around Bass Lake (5 requests)
- Connect greenway in Wescott to Sunset Village Shopping Center
- Connect Wescott to Carrington Estates and Brackenridge

### Pointe

- Check on the possibility of a public proposed greenway along sewer line from Carrington Estates/Brackenridge Pointe north to Optimist Farm Road
- Construct Trail Head on Optimist Farm Road and sewer line

### Crosswalks

- Bass Lake Road from Crescent Bank to Holly Springs Crossing
- Linksland to Linksland across Holly Springs Road (2 requests)

### Intersections

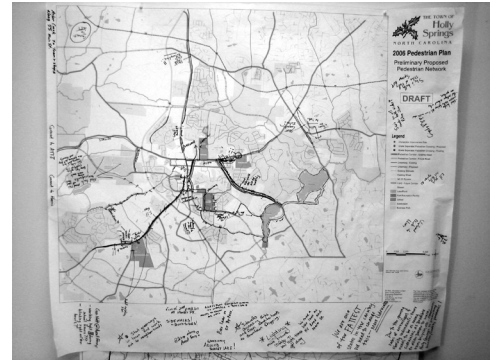
- Sunset Lake and Holly Springs Road (dangerous)
- Wescott and Sunset Lake
- NC 55 Bypass and Main Street on south end of Town
  - install actuated signal

### General

- “Would like places to bike (greenways)”
- “If we can’t have a bike lane – perhaps a shoulder for safety”
- Lots of walking traffic on Bass Lake.....dangerous
- Regional pedestrian connections were indicated as the following (CAMPO):
  1. New Hill
  2. Old Smithfield
  3. Sunset Lake
  4. Bass Lake
  5. Holly Springs Road
  6. Cass Holt
  7. Avent Ferry
  8. Old Holly Springs/Apex Road

### Public Meeting 2

The following lists of comment results were taken directly from the hand written comments on the Public Comment Maps from the second Public Meeting. Many of these comments were written in agreement to the network that was proposed by the consultant, reiterating the importance of particular recommendations to the community



#### Sidewalks Requests:

- Sidewalks to Downtown and Shopping
- Fill Gaps along Avent Ferry Road (multiple requests)
- Fill Gaps along Holly Springs Road (multiple requests)
- More Sidewalks around new HS and Elementary School (multiple requests)
- Elm
- Stinson
- South Main Street
- Connect Womble Park to Bass Lake Park (multiple requests)
- Connect to American Tobacco Trail
- New Hill Road
- Bass Lake Road (multiple requests)
- Grigsby (multiple requests)
- Connecting Parks to Neighborhoods to Shopping
- Irving
- Wescott Neighborhood to Holly Springs Road
- Optimist Farm Road to Harris Teeter
- From Windward Pointe to Library
- Holly Springs Business Park-keep business park pedestrian friendly with trees and natural quality of life
- Somerset Farms to Womble and Bass Lake Park and downtown
- Arbor Creek to Town and Main Street

#### Trail/Greenway Requests

- Utley Creek Greenway
- Business Park Greenway to Subdivisions and downtown
- Pave old Railway line along North Main Street
- Longer Loop Trail around Womble Park
- Greenway around Sunset Lake
- Holly Springs Business Park-keep business park pedestrian friendly with trees and natural quality of life

#### Intersection:

- Improve Intersection of Elm and Avent Ferry
- Cass Holt at Avent Ferry

#### Crossings

- Pedestrian Bridge or refuge islands along Holly Springs Road
- Holly Glen to new HS and Elementary School

**Other Amenities:**

- Night time lighting
- Trash Receptacles
- Doggie Bags

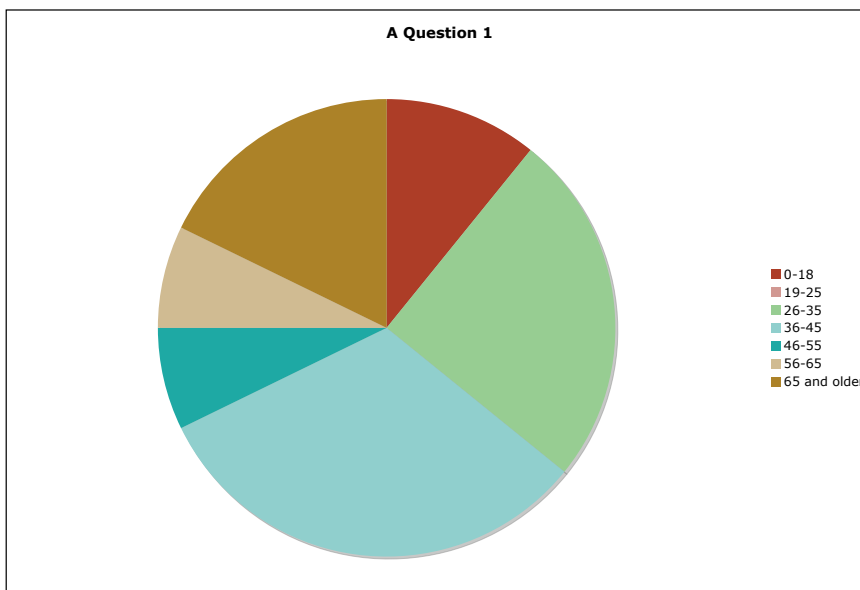
**General:**

- Start Greenways in town and work out to neighborhoods
- Sidewalks on both sides of all roads
- Health concerns for overweight individuals with the suggestion to create as many sidewalks as possible

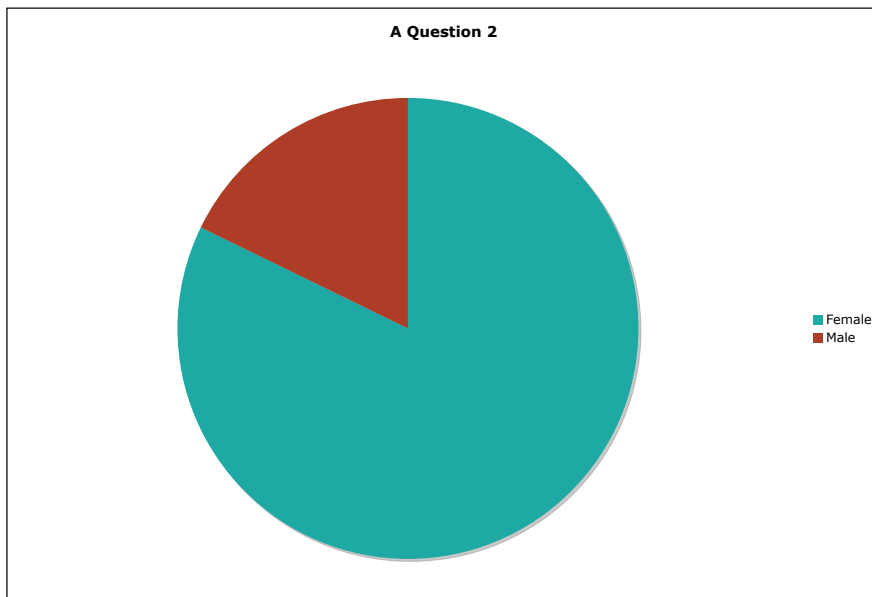
**Public Comment Form Results**

A Public Comment form was distributed at both Public Meetings to incorporate local thoughts and opinions into the preliminary network, before the online survey results were fully tabulated. This gave residents an alternative way to express ideas or concepts to the planning team. Twenty-five people responded to the Public Comment Form. The following section describes the results.

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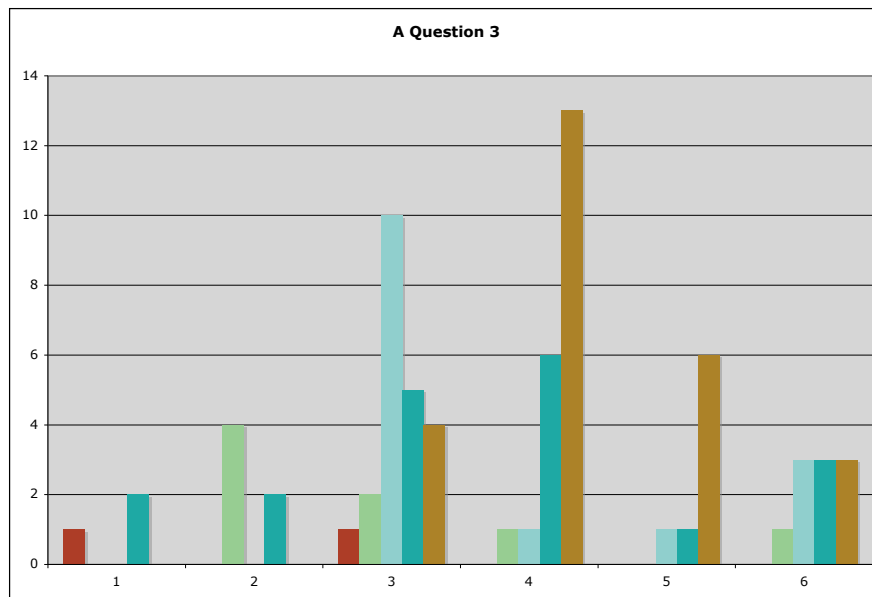
*1. What is your age?*

## 2. What is your sex?



## 3. How Many Times per month (on average) do you walk for the following purposes?

- To go to work
- To go to school
- For general recreation/exercise
- To attend social activities/events
- To shop or run errands
- Nature Study/appreciation
- Other



The “other” option included the following open ended responses:

- Friend’s house down-street
- Pick-up trash and visit friends
- There aren’t enough sidewalks to do these things!!! Put them in and I’ll do all of the above.
- Exercise

*4. Are there places you would like to be able to walk that you cannot at this time?*

The following open ended, hand written responses identified specific streets, neighborhoods, and destinations. All of the results are listed below, many were listed more than once.

#### Streets

West Elm	Grigsby	Cayman
Sunset Fairways Drive	Earp	Optimist Farm
Avent Ferry	Holly Springs Road	Stinson Avenue
Bass Lake Road	Raleigh	Salem Ridge Road
Saranac		

#### Neighborhoods

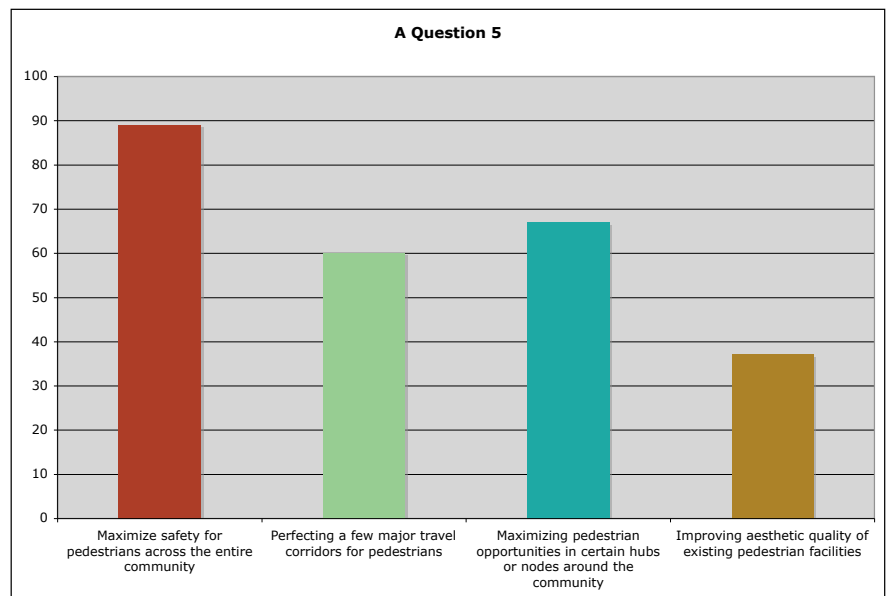
Windward Pointe	Holly Glen	Holly Ridge
Braxton Village	Sunset Ridge	Sunset Ridge South
Sunset Oaks	Home	

#### Destinations

Hunt Center	Bass Lake Park	Downtown/Town Hall
Library	Autumn Park	La Dolce Vita Restaurant
Lowes/Blockbuster/NY Pizza	Holly Springs Crossing Shopping Center	Food Lion
Sunset Plaza/Harris Teeter	Autumn Park	Womble Park
Lakeside/Bank	Walgreens	Post Office
Shearon Harris Lake	Wendy’s	Holly Springs Medical Center
Holly Springs Elementary/High School	Holly Grove Elementary/High School	Holly Springs Chiropractic

5. Please Order this List according to the importance you place on each item.

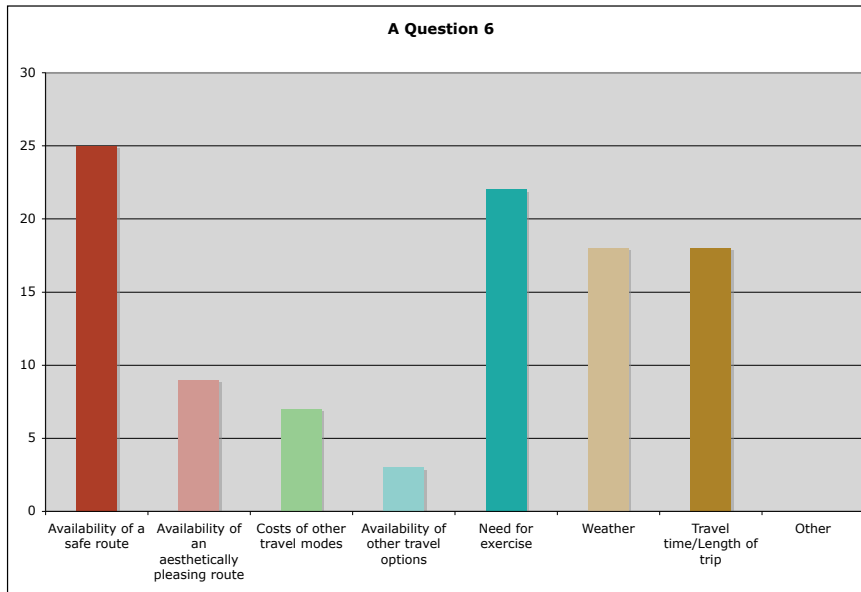
- Maximize safety for pedestrians across the entire community
- Perfecting a few major travel corridors for pedestrians
- Maximizing pedestrian opportunities in certain hubs or nodes around the community
- Improving aesthetic quality of existing pedestrian facilities



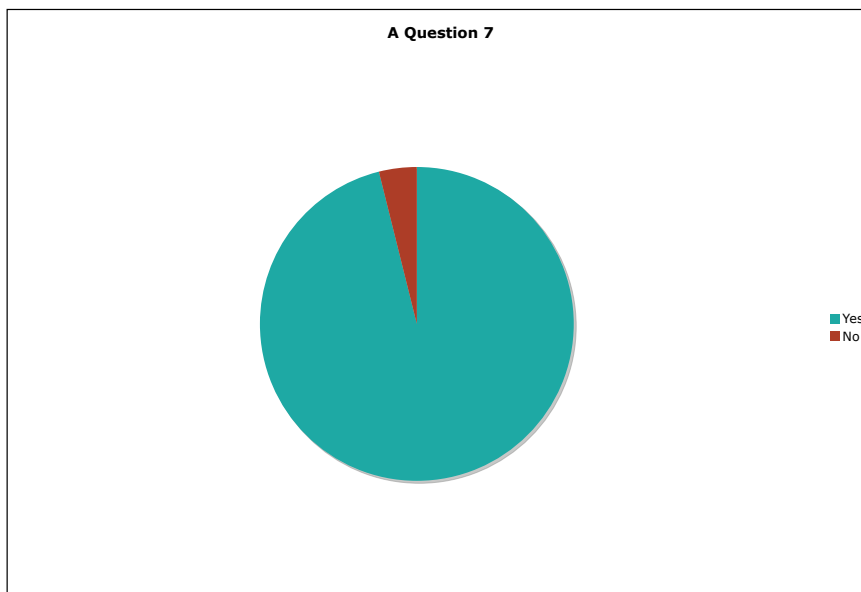
6. Which of the following factors play a role in whether or not you walk to a destination?

- Availability of a safe route
- Availability of an aesthetically pleasing route
- Costs of other travel modes
- Availability of other travel options
- Need for exercise
- Weather
- Travel time/Length of trip
- Other





7. *Should Public funds be used to improve pedestrian options and facilities?*



8. *If yes, what types of funds should be used?*

- Existing local taxes
- New local taxes
- State and federal grants
- Other

*9. Do you have suggestions about specific programming or pedestrian related policies that you would like to see enacted?*

The following open ended, hand written responses are listed below, exactly as they appeared on the comment form.

- Dog poop trash cans
- Walking Trail around Bass Lake
- More sidewalks/trails more promotion of safety in the community (signs, etc.)
- Organized biking
- New sidewalks through out the Holly Springs business area
- Many young couples and others with dogs walk on the streets since there are no sidewalks. At night it is very difficult to see these individuals. Perhaps it should be stipulated that persons after dark should wear clothing that can easily be seen like white or orange.
- I would like to see greenways developed to connect local parks (Womble, Bass Lake, Jones, the Library/Cultural Arts Center) as well as having new/future developments include greenways/greenway access
- More lights Each side of highways
- Sidewalks
- If its possible I think you should enact a signalized pedestrian crosswalks in the intersection into the school. (to make it a safer cross for kids)
- At busy intersections (ie NC55) crosswalks at HSES need better marks/lights
- No
- Minimum sidewalk width of 5 feet. Minimum 5 foot berm between curb and sidewalk on local roads and streets
- Put in sidewalks and allow bikes on them. Put in greenways and hurry!
- 1. Please connect / complete what we currently have 2. Expand "web" of walkways from what is now completed 3. Explore new options

*10. Please provide your address below so we can*

*better understand who was represented at tonight's meeting.*

Of the 25 people who responded to the Public Comment Form, 21 people wrote in an address and 4 people left this question blank. The 21 people who responded were from Holly Springs.

## A.2 Online Opinion Survey

An online survey was created for Holly Springs through efforts between the Town of Holly Springs staff and consultant staff at Greenways Incorporated. The following survey results have been tabulated by Greenways Inc. to provide insight into local residents' opinions and values. The survey was available online at the Town of Holly Springs' website from April 12th to September 25th, 2006. To maximize the responses to the online survey, the address was distributed at each of the public meetings, in Pedestrian Plan Newsletters, and on flyers throughout the Town. At the close of the survey, a total of 203 of people responded to the online survey.

Questions #7,9,10,11,12, and 13 required respondents to rank options in order to answer the given question. Not all respondents completely answered the question by ranking all of the choices. A minimal margin of error may exist in the results for these questions.

In order to project the results of questions with multiple answers, an order of rank was assigned to each category. Options that were ranked highest were multiplied by the total number of available options. The second choice was multiplied by the total number of options minus one; the third choice was multiplied by the total number of options minus two; etc. The resulting totals were added together to equal the weighted number for projection.

For example, question #7 had 122 respondents choose "Maximizing safety for pedestrians across the entire community" as their first choice; 30 chose it as a second choice; 23 as a third choice; and 11 chose as a fourth choice. The total number of choices or options is four.

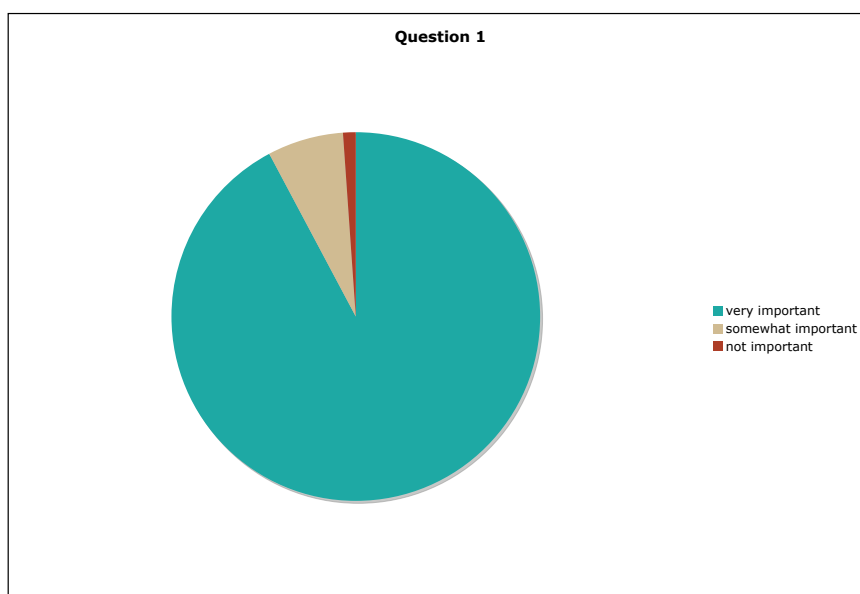
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$$(11 \times 1) = 635$$

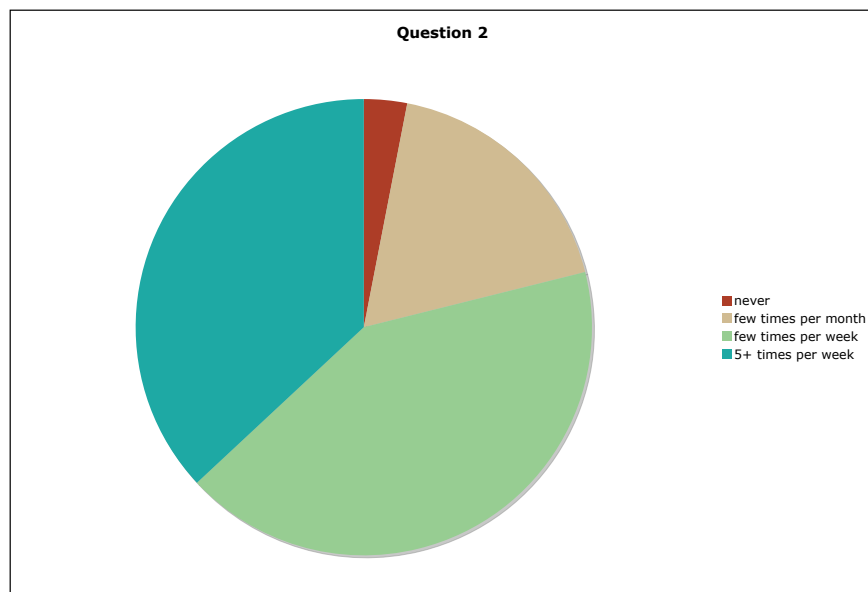
The same formula was used for each option.

Choices/Options	Ranking				Weighted Projection Number
	1	2	3	4	
Maximizing safety for pedestrians across the entire community.	122	30	23	11	635
Perfecting a few major travel corridors for pedestrians.	24	60	69	32	446
Maximizing pedestrian opportunities in certain hubs or nodes around the community.	38	78	50	23	509
Improving aesthetic quality of existing pedestrian facilities.	10	23	43	113	308

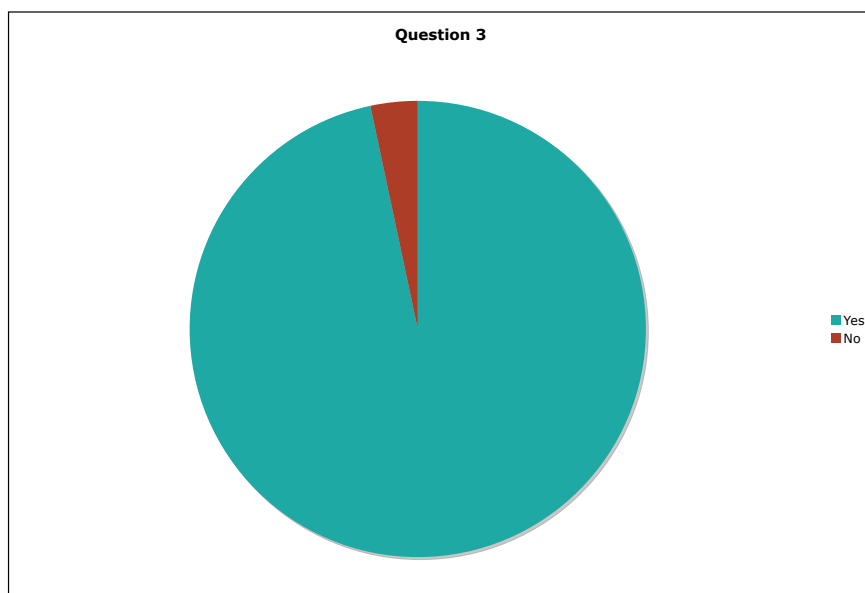
*1. How important to you is the goal of creating a walkable community? (select one)*



2. *How often do you walk now? (select one)*

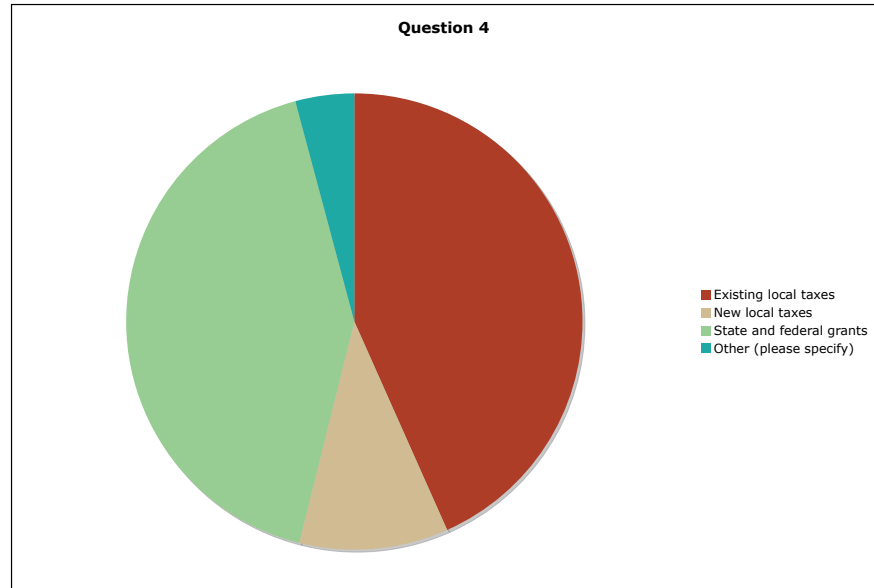


3. *Should public funds be used to improve pedestrian options and facilities?*



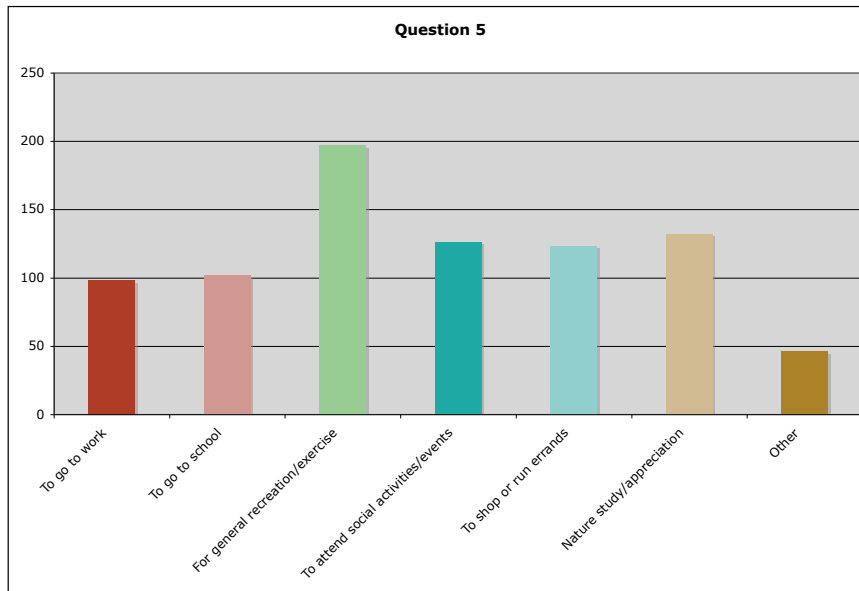
4. *What types of funds should be used?*

- Existing local taxes
- New local taxes
- State and federal grants
- Other (please specify)



5. *How many times per month (on average) do you walk for the following purposes?*

- To go to work
- To go to school
- For general recreation/exercise
- To attend social activities/events
- To shop or run errands
- Nature study/appreciation
- Other



*6. Are there places you would like to be able to walk that you cannot at this time?*

This question was an open-ended question. 168 people typed in a response. The most popular responses for “To”/“From” destinations were similar to the responses of the Public Comment Form from the Public Meetings. The top responses are listed below.

**Streets**

- Holly Springs Road
- Earp
- Avent Ferry
- Optimist Farm
- Old 55 / Main Street
- Grigsby

**Neighborhoods**

- Somerset Farm
- Sunset Ridge
- Holly Glen
- Wescott
- Valleyfield
- Woodlands at Oak Hall
- Arbor Creek

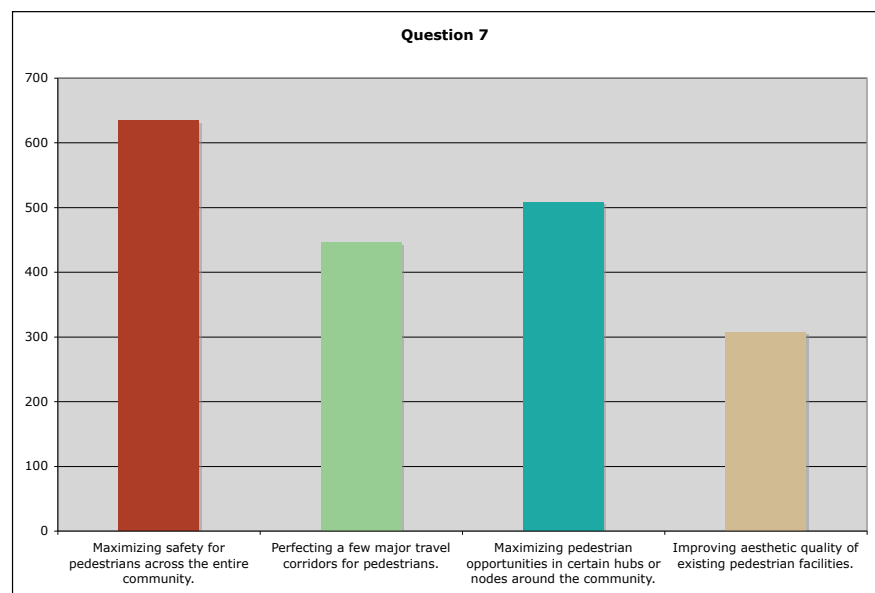
**Destinations**

- Womble Park
- Bass Lake Park
- Hunt Community Center
- Downtown
- Library
- Post Office
- Schools-various specific names
- Commercial Centers-particularly shopping centers with a grocery store anchor such as Lowe's/Harris Teeter/Food Lion

7. Please order this list according to the importance you place on each item. Rank the options below from 1 (highest importance) to 4 (lowest importance).

- Maximizing safety for pedestrians across the entire community.
- Perfecting a few major travel corridors for pedestrians.
- Maximizing pedestrian opportunities in certain hubs or nodes around the community.
- Improving aesthetic quality of existing pedestrian facilities.

8. Which of the following factors play a role in whether

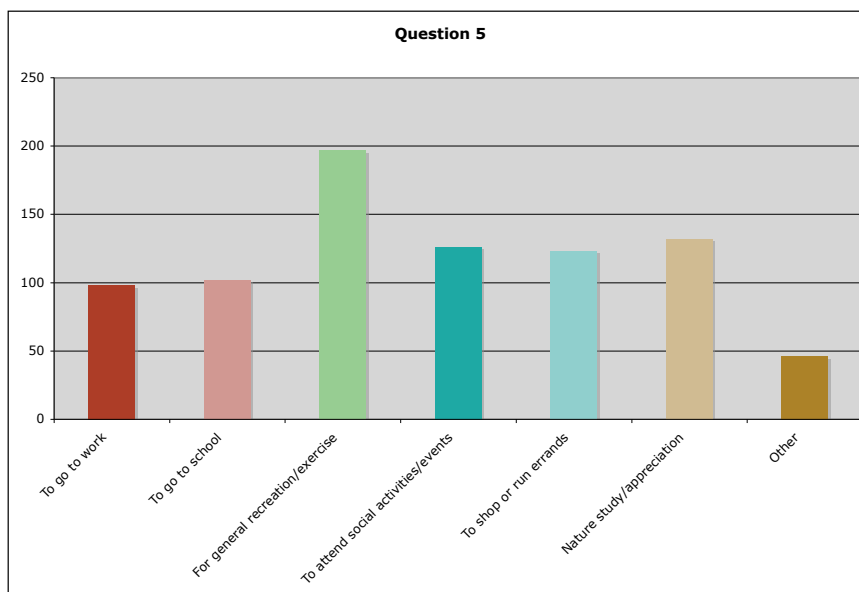




*or not you walk to a destination? (Check as many as apply)*

- Availability of a safe route
- Availability of an aesthetically pleasing route
- Costs of other travel modes
- Availability of other travel options
- Need for exercise
- Weather
- Travel time/length of trip
- Other (please specify)

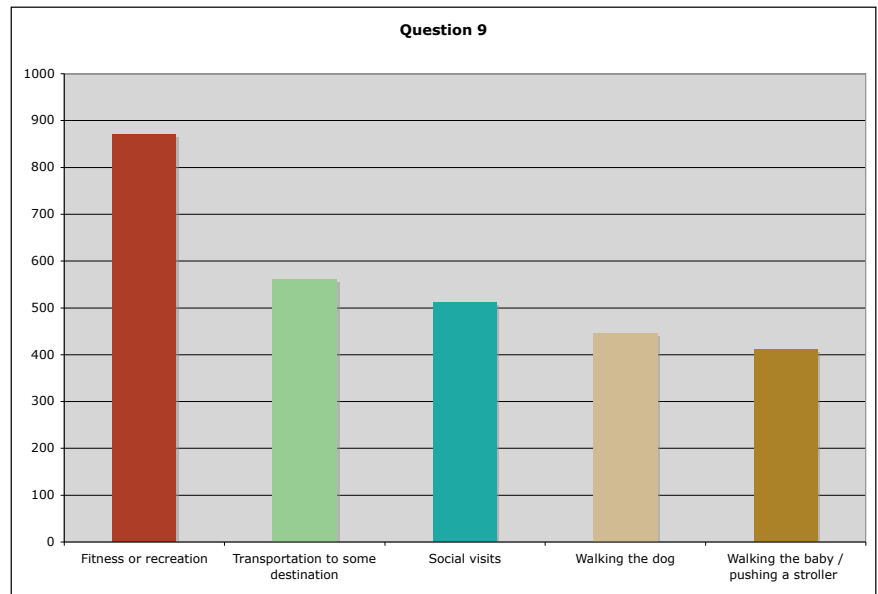
9. *For what purposes do you walk most now and/or*



*would you want to walk for in the future? Please rank in order (1=top choice 5=lowest choice).*

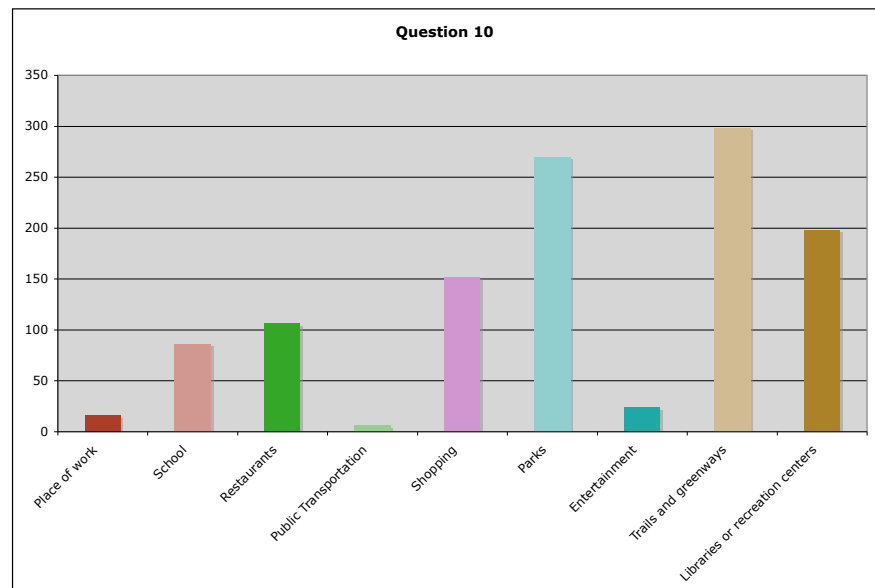
- Fitness or recreation
- Transportation to some destination
- Social visits
- Walking the dog
- Walking the baby / pushing a stroller

10. *What walking destinations would you most like to*



*get to? (Please choose and rank your top 3 with 1 being the most desirable)*

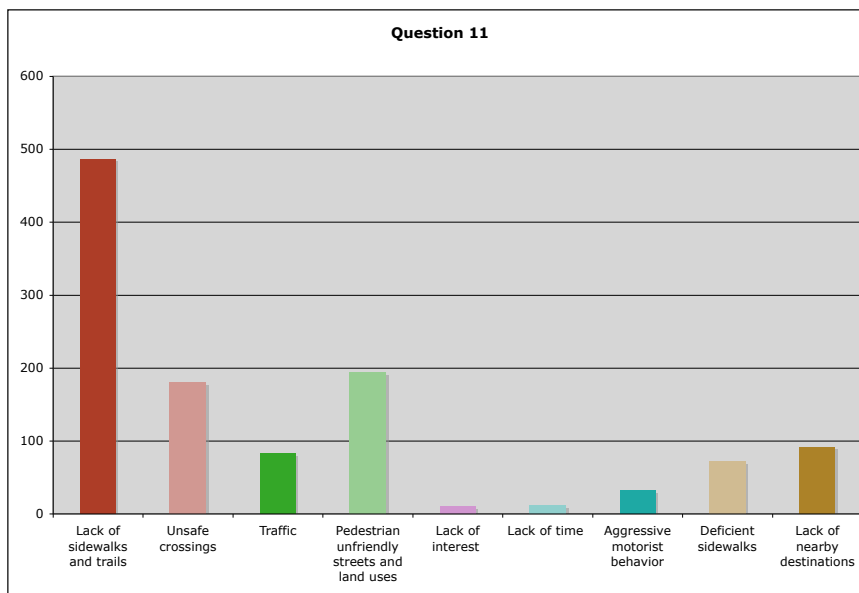
- Place of work
- School
- Restaurants
- Public Transportation
- Shopping
- Parks
- Entertainment
- Trails and greenways
- Libraries or recreation centers



11. What do you think are the biggest factors that discourage walking? (Please choose and rank your top 3 with 1 being the most discouraging)

- Lack of sidewalks and trails
- Unsafe crossings
- Traffic
- Pedestrian unfriendly streets and land uses
- Lack of interest
- Lack of time
- Aggressive motorist behavior
- Deficient sidewalks
- Lack of nearby destinations

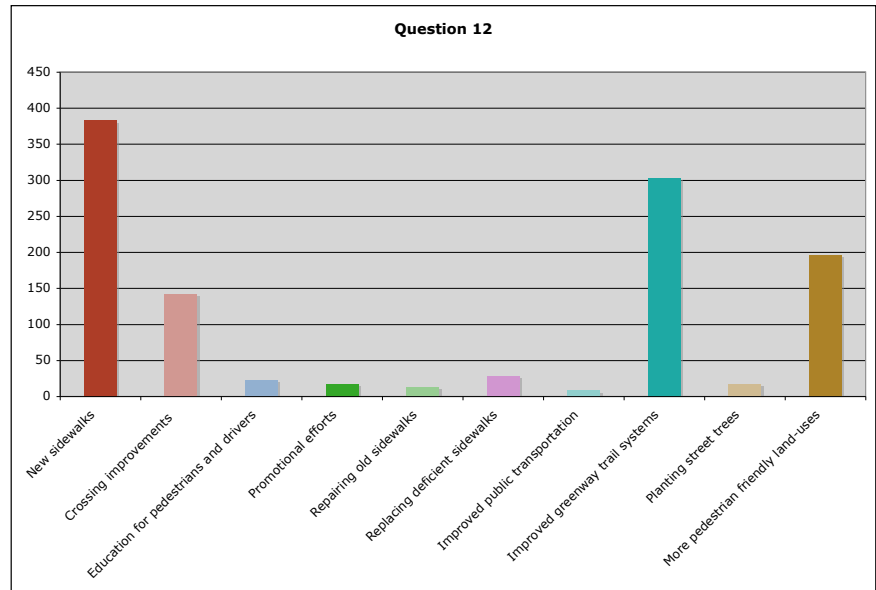
12. What actions do you think are most needed to



increase walking in the community? (Please choose and rank your top 3 with 1 being the most important)

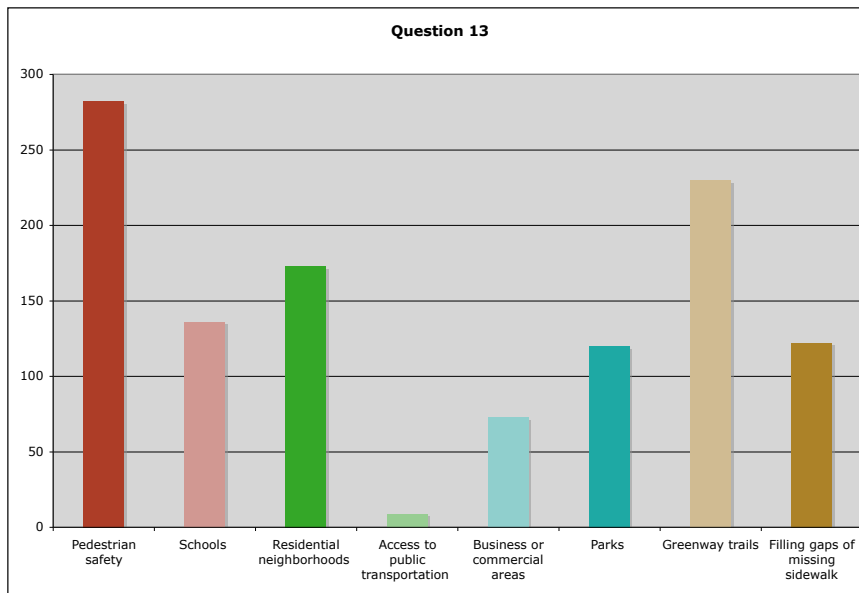
- New sidewalks
- Crossing improvements
- Education for pedestrians and drivers
- Promotional efforts
- Repairing old sidewalks
- Replacing deficient sidewalks
- Improved public transportation
- Improved greenway trail systems
- Planting street trees

- More pedestrian friendly land-uses



13. In thinking about future sidewalk construction which of the following areas should be the most important considerations in determining areas to develop first? (Please choose and rank your top 3 with 1 being the most important)

- Pedestrian safety
- Schools
- Residential neighborhoods
- Access to public transportation
- Business or commercial areas
- Parks
- Greenway trails
- Filling gaps of missing sidewalk



*14. What do you think are the top roadway corridors most needing sidewalk or trail improvements?*

The following question asked for an open-ended response. 170 respondents answered this question. The results are listed below in order of popularity.

- Holly Springs
- Main Street / Old 55
- Bass Lake Road
- Avent Ferry
- Sunset Lake
- Sections of 55
- Optimist Farm
- Downtown
- Grigsby
- Elm
- Earp
- Raleigh
- Cass Holt
- Stinson
- Kildaire Farm
- New Holly Hill
- Stephenson
- Pierce Olive
- Teal Lake

*15. Do you have suggestions about specific programming or pedestrian related policies that you would like to see enacted?*

This question required an open-ended response to be typed in by the respondent. 103 people responded to this question. The following results are listed exactly as were typed in by the respondents.

- A bond referendum
- Require builders and developers to pay more toward these items , pay extra towards more walkways and curbing, or allow them to install more then just their projects.
- The community needs to help Devils Ridge Golf Course let kids and adults know the cart path around the course is not a walking, running and biking trail.
- Adjacent subdivisions should be required to connect to each other with roads and sidewalks.
- Funding needs to be given to make this town 'walker friendly' and continue to define us as the finest small town in the world. Water stations along major walkways would be a lovely addition. Crossing Holly Springs road to access schools/pools or restaurants is a scary event. Is there someway to build walker bridges over the roads or tunnels under the roads??? With walking comes greater health benefits...we will also become one of the healthiest places to live. Investments now will pay off in the future. Don't just build sidewalks make the scenery attractive, shady and pedestrian friendly. Good Karma spreads.
- The Wake County School system could save money if there were more sidewalks. I won't let my son ride his bike to HRMS because of the lack of sidewalks and safe crossing. (I live in Windward Pointe.)
- Establish combination biking/walking routes
- More/better publicity about greenways.
- Maps of greenways, trails, pedestrian walkways. Speedbumps before and after Bass Lake to slow traffic and encourage walking. Speedbumps near Lowes Foods Shopping Center for same reasons. New walkways on Holly Springs Road with plenty of green area to provide protection from traffic. New stoplights at Linksland and Holly Springs Road with painted walkway crossing.

- Students are unable to walk from our subdivision (Sunset Oaks) to their schools at Middle Creek Schools (elementary, middle and high) because Optimist Farm Road is COMPLETELY UNSAFE. Students that stay after or miss the bus and are unable to get a ride are forced to walk on a busy, winding street that has NO SIDEWALKS. They walk in waist-high grass because they are afraid of being hit by a car! This is definitely an area that needs improvement! I would also like to be able to walk in the other direction on Optimist Farm Road (toward the Harris Teeter). Thank you.

- I think a Bike lane/Pedestrian lane should be added to the streets. If you look at other communities around the United States such as Orange County, CA. They added an additional 3 to 4 feet to the shoulder of the road allowing pedestrians, joggers, and bicyclist room to safely use the streets also. These lanes are clearly marked so motorist can navigate the streets and so they do not drive into those lanes. Too many times I have had to stop, slow down, or wait to safely navigate around a jogger/bicyclist that is trying to use the same road as me. I think this would promote a much healthier and safer lifestyle for all. Sidewalks are great, but if you are trying to ride a bike to work. The side walk is usually not the place you will be riding. Lets learn from other communities what not to do and what we should be doing!

- Speed control measures and pedestrianisation of Bass Lake road

- Promote bicycle use & safety in addition to pedestrian infrastructure & programming. Create a mixed-use bicycle and pedestrian lane along Bass Lake Road, from Holly Springs Road to Bass Lake Park.

- I would really like to see something done on Optmist Farm Rd. Traffic seems to actually speed up when I am standing there trying to cross the street to get to another neighborhood for walking and recreational use of parks/pools. That road is becoming too busy for pedestrian traffic from schools, neighborhoods to not have it become a priority.

- Some of these roads don't even have safe shoulders, let alone sidewalks. Bass Lake Road is a danger to walkers and cyclists--and even motorists--due to crumbling asphalt on the edges.

- I would like to see a more proactive approach to pedestrian and bicycle use of roadways by sidewalks and/or wide shoulders. The town of Cary does a good job of this and obviously been good for the growth of the community. Having safe pathways between neighborhoods not just within them will promote more of a community feeling.

- Anything that promotes safety for walking and gives citizens more sidewalks with which to get around town (especially from Oak Hall subdivision). Thanks!

- Let look at the way Cary handles this issue. Plenty of walking and biking opportunities

- Please connect the sidewalk from Lowes Foods towards Cary. It would be nice to be able to walk from my neighborhood, Windward Point to downtown via 55 (No sidewalk from Sonic to Walgreens).
- I would like to be able to walk to all major shopping areas, Community Centers & Parks without walking on busy roadways.
- Yes-bicycles and pedestrians should have a side each
- I'd like to see updated sidewalk/greenway plan maps online. The existing map seems to be old.
- I would like to have public transportation in holly springs.
- None
- Developers should be required by the Town to put in greenway trails as they build new residential developments.
- I would like to see roads and sidewalks abutting construction areas kept clean of mud and debris. The areas in Holly Glen are unsightly and difficult to navigate b/c of the huge mud puddles along intersections of Evergreen View.
- No
- I live in Oak Hall and I love how close it is to the center of Holly Springs. However, it has always made me crazy that I can't walk to the post office which is less than a mile from my house because it is unsafe to walk on Main Street because it has no sidewalks. The same applies to not being able to walk to City Hall or other locations in the center of town. I would love to walk to my errands in town and get myself and my children some exercise but at this point it is too dangerous.
- I used to live in cary & could run with sidewalks for 5+ miles on many different routes throughout the town. I'd like to see Holly springs have good lengthy running trails/sidewalks. I'd suggest some cyclist considerations, also (road biking) since there are so many cyclists that ride around Holly Springs & down Avent Ferry Road.
- I would like to see some type of Bike Route lane included on Avent Ferry Rd. It makes it very difficult for Bike Riders/Walkers to travel along that road especially with the recent Construction and two lane road.
- As an occasional cyclist, I'd like to see at least a pedestrian bridge over the creek bed to connect Womble Park to Bass Lake Road until the road construction is completed. As a motorist, I'd like to see sidewalks and street-lamps along Bass Lake Road, Holly Springs Road, Earp Street, and North & South Main Street to give both pedestrians and casual cyclists



a safe place to walk or ride. Perhaps Holly Springs could use the call-boxes that various local universities use for that extra feeling of safety for everyone.

- Not only pedestrian needs, but also needs for bicyclists and mixed use paths and greenways. With such a low population density, bike paths seem more useful for more people. Also, education for bike riders (e.g., bike riders are on vehicles and should ride WITH and not AGAINST traffic).
- It would be great to have a nice downtown with shops and restaurants for people to visit. However, I am hearing from business owners that they are choosing to develop elsewhere due to restrictive ordinances which cause great additional expenditure if they were to choose the downtown area. Town needs to expand roads and sidewalks, not expect individual property owners to do it. Otherwise you will not attract SMALL businesses there... which are the exact ones you need to create a 'real, down-home, downtown environment.'
- Lack of sidewalks are the biggest reason I am unable to park the car more and walk, with the new high school and elementary school going up I think it is imperative to extend sidewalks from Main Street down Avent Ferry at least to the schools, making Holly springs more pedestrian friendly would give alternatives to the more and more congested roadways that are full and going to become more full as neighborhoods are expanded. Widening lanes of various roads can be good but it is like loosening the belt - just gives room for it to fill up without giving alternative means or solving the problem. There are lots of great resources on the web like [www.bikefriendlycommunities.org](http://www.bikefriendlycommunities.org) that give great ideas. I look forward to HS adopting and moving forwards with these updates.
- I enjoy running into town, but the new library has put a temporary hold on those efforts. Hopefully there are plans to include access to the new library from Ballentine St. & the Oaks at Avent Acres Subdivision. Also, running down Avent Ferry Rd. to Elm St can be hazardous and a new sidewalk there would be great! Thanks for allowing us to speak out minds!
- Send out flyers to residents instructing them on how to walk down a street (with/without a sidewalk), ride a wheeled (motorized/non-motorized), and sidewalk etiquette regarding two way traffic on one sidewalk. Include a summarized version of the laws regarding pedestrians and the right of ways.
- Programming idea: A run/walk group for socializing and getting fit at the same time. Can be divided into levels (beginner, intermediate, advanced) so that there is something for everyone. Would be a way for people to get to know each other and promote walking.
- We definitely need a crossing guard at Middle Crest if you don't put a sidewalk on the North side of Holly Springs Road - Kids who live in North

can't walk to either school safely. Would also be nice if the sidewalks were a touch large to more easily accommodate children on bicycles so they don't ride in the street to go to school. We have 2 great parks but neither is accessible by bike or ped. Bass Lake Rd. is not safe to walk or ride on at all.

- I would love to see more greenbelts or walkpaths throughout Holly Springs. This could also be sidewalks but nicely esthetically developed paths would work very nicely! We definitely need more now around the newly built schools off Avent Ferry Rd. This could be a great area to put a new park and rec center!!!!

- Include provisions for bike paths and/or pedestrian walkways when designing road or intersection projects.

- The Town desperately needs a green way / trail system & Park, around sunset Lake commons! There are way too many new homes, and no Town Parks or way of getting around. In fact the overall roads @ optomist farm and bible way, and sunset lake are UNSAFE for pedestrians and motorists. Too much traffic, not enough traffic control. Worry about that first...then worry about policies.

- I would like to see more parks for the kids, community paths in residential neighborhoods with proper lighting at night for safety.

- Driving on Sunset Lake Road (left turn from Holly Springs road heading toward Cary) is dangerous for pedestrians and driver. People often walk in this area and due to lack of street lighting and sidewalks, these people are invisible to drivers at night. This area is an accident waiting to happen. Also the schools should be connected to the shopping centers via sidewalks since many children use go to the shopping centers from the schools. This should be a top priority. Why the sidewalk from Holly Ridge Elementary to Lowe's was not completely paved is beyond me. Also - there is a great need for signs similar to those on Main Street in Fuquay Varina informing drivers that NC law requires cars to stop at crosswalks. While running, I have never had a vehicle to stop for me while using the crosswalk on Holly Springs Road near the MS. Cars do not appear to give children at these crosswalks the right-of-way either. Drivers seem unaware that pedestrians should have the right-of-way.

- I would like to see separate walkways for dog walkers. I would like to walk with out having dogs approach me and without having to view their bathroom habits.

- Make greenways wide enough for both pedestrians and bicycles Start with plan and then fund the highest priority walkways in each part of the City

- As our town prospers and, I assume, a more robust center of town ensues,

I think there is an advantage to having safe walking access to the center of town from the residential neighborhoods.

- I would love a greenway system through Holly Springs that is easily accessible.
- Shady greenways connecting the area neighborhoods with the downtown area (new library, etc.) and our many parks would be a great boon to the community. And a sidewalk system on Bass Lake would go a long way towards helping with pedestrian safety, as there are many pedestrians who currently walk along that road - a very dangerous situation.
- Having crossings on streets for pedestrians, teaching motorists to give way to pedestrians, providing several watering spots on the walking routes.
- I think that builders of new neighborhoods or developers in new sections of neighborhoods should have to install sidewalks and greenways that connect with others. I realize that this may increase the house prices but they are already increasing and the builders are already required to set aside open space or pay money instead. I also think that old and new businesses should be required to install bicycle racks.
- Sponsor community walks or volksmarches. Publish maps of existing and planned trails and greenways. Parks and rec incentive plan for walking x,000 miles per year, etc..
- I would like to see an annual 'Walk Holly Springs' event. I think the family friendly aspect of our community would be enhanced if strollers and dogs could walk safely.
- Pedestrian friendly streets to include crosswalks and signage informing automobiles to stop for pedestrians. I really find that those pedestrians that need to use New Hill Rd. in between the Bypass and Holly Springs Rd are in danger. There aren't any sidewalks, and the road is narrow. I have heard multiple people admit that they almost accidentally hit someone because someone was walking on or toward the middle of the street. Unfortunately, sometimes these people are too dark to see clearly at night and do not always wear reflectors. There needs to be a sidewalk there. All residents deserve to be safe in their neighborhoods, and living so close to town they deserve safe access to what the town has to offer.
- I would like to see more fund raising events such as March of Dimes, Walk for the Cure, etc. using our pedestrian corridors. Pre-event briefings to participants should include mention of pedestrian safety, health benefits of walking, and route utility training. Route utility training explains how people can get to the places they want to go in a safe and healthy way, and encourages the use of our pedestrian corridors everyday. Aside from raising money for the charity, I believe this would be a good way to generate interest in using our pedestrian corridors and educating the people who would be most likely to use them.

- I really wish so much there could be a wooded trail where dogs could run off leash, it would be very popular I think I like to walk in the woods behind my subdivision at Trotter Bluffs but it is so muddy and tick infested during the summer I can't, so I go to Harris Lake with my dog and let him off leash deep in the woods but it's not allowed, I just wish there was someplace I could go to let my dog run free in the woods which he loves to do, and if there was some sort of water he could jump into to cool off it would be a dream come true for both of us
- Bass Lake Road is too narrow for me to walk with my child's stroller....we get honked at as we walk on that street--sidewalks would be a HUGE help!!!! THANKS! We walk from Remington (Holly Mountain Road) to the shopping center with Lowe's Foods.
- We also need bike paths on the roadways in addition to bike racks at our shopping areas and the new library and the schools. More people would shop by bike that walk because of time issues. Pedestrian and bike traffic go hand in hand.
- No bicycling or dog walking on the same sidewalk or trail.
- Simply to just connect the existing sidewalks so that we can walk to the different shopping centers and to the post office to start with.
- I would absolutely love to see some kind of water/fountain/playground feature and maybe even some kind of botanical garden that would be worth the trip to Holly Springs from other communities. Atlanta had several of these and they were great for kids as well as adults. One was near/in a shopping center. Maybe one of the new shopping center developers could even pitch in.
- I think when considering a pedestrian friendly community is important to consider ways to make the community bike friendly as well. Making roadways safe for pedestrians and cyclists alike will promote a healthier, happier and more closely knit community. We love to support our local shops and restaurants and having easier ways to access these as well as bringing in new options for residents should be a top priority.
- Just please put in greenways or side walks connecting neighborhoods so you don't have to walk/run on the narrow country roads. We are new to the area from Denver and the neighborhoods along the Optimist Farm Road corridor seem very isolated because none are connected and you are forced to drive everywhere. Cary is on the right track, but research how Denver / Boulder, CO does it. They have it down to a science. Thanks
- Sunset Lake Road really needs side walks. People have to walk in the streets just to get to destinations around the area. It is unsafe with the heavy traffic on the street. Once the trailer park is sold, it will be nice to have a side walk extend from the corner of Stephenson Road all the

way down to Holly Springs intersection. Several subdivisions are coming underway along Sunset Lake Road. We could really use the side walks to integrate the whole community!!

- Guess? SOMERSET FARM! We are a neighborhood of over 200 homes - with currently NO safe pedestrian exit. There are at least two sites where a greenway could be connected to our neighborhood - either at the end of Teal Lake, or the end of Damask Rose. PLEASE, please provide either access to the public greenway, or safe sidewalks! (They took out the partial sidewalk on 55!)

- Make the new builders include greenways and sidewalks as part of the approval process.

- I would like to see a greenway that would connect Somerset Farm subdivision to existing parks, new parks and other neighborhoods and destinations

- Somerset Farm Subdivision needs access to town, to parks, etc. that does not include Hwy 55. It is unsafe & we have no other access at this time. Our neighborhood is full of families with children who would LOVE to be able to walk safely to Womble Park, Hunt Community Center, the new library and cultural center. Please help us do this safely & enable us to better enjoy all the opportunities that the TOHS provides for its residents. Thank you.

- The people in Somerset Farms have no safe place to walk into town. What little bit of sidewalk we had on 55 was taken out and never replaced at the time of the 55 widening.

- As a resident of Somerset Farm, I'd personally like to see any access to the downtown area/new school area where both of my children attend HGES and HSHS/Womble park area all be included in any upcoming plans. We feel as a community that we have continued to be pushed further and further out of the 'town' limits. We currently have NO access to town and therefore our only means of access is to drive. The town is missing a great source of income as once we are in our cars, our options of where we choose to spend our money becomes unlimited. If we had access by foot or by biking, we'd be more inclined to spend money within the town. Much thanks, Meredith Barefoot Concerned Resident

- We in Sommerset Farms Subdivision have no access to the town without having to walk down the busy and sometimes dangerous highway 55 we hope that one day we will have a walking access to town or to the parks in town

- Greenways should connect to all subdivisions and residential neighborhoods. Connecting to downtown HS, Womble Park, schools, and Bass Lake for starters. Should be safe for biking and walking.

- There is currently no pedestrian access from Somerset Farm Subdivision into the Town of Holly Springs at all. There should be something... anything at all. Also, I am not aware that there is any public transportation in or around Holly Springs. Again, there should be something.
- I would like to see ALL neighborhoods have at least one way to safely access various parts Holly Springs without using a car
- I currently live in Somerset Farm and cannot safely walk to any part of Holly Springs. My neighborhood is close to many parts of town (ie. Downtown, new development that will be coming along the bypass) but I cannot safely access these areas without driving.
- Somerset Farm is very isolated unless you walk along the highway, I'd drive more (less traffic/pollution) and walk much more IF I had a safe walkway giving me access to Parrish Womble Park, Bass Lake Shopping Center and Downtown Holly Springs.
- I would like for you not to forget about the 200 Plus families that live in Somerset Farm. We have been alienated from the rest of the town. With Walmart coming across the street from us, it would be nice to at least be able to walk there and experience a positive side of the urban development. In addition, it would be wonderful to be able to walk to Womble park and see the fireworks or simply take in a baseball game, or fly a kite without having to drive there. Further development is about to happen at the back of our neighborhood, and there will be future families to benefit, please allow us that live in this part of holly springs access to the rest of the town by foot or bike. The land is there, the links are available, please make the right decision and connect us. All we have is highway on one side, please let us have another WALK-ABLE out from the back side to this wonderful town.
- I would LOVE to see a greenway or access to/from Somerset Farm. I refuse to walk on Hwy 55 to get to downtown or Womble Park, so sometimes if I have to drive I end up going to Fuquay.
- No
- Required pedestrian crossings at new shopping areas-paid for by the developers!
- I live in Somerset Farm and would like to be able to connect to shopping, downtown, and parks without having to come out onto Main Street. I'd also like to see the town's police force crack down on speeding and reckless driving. I try to always go the speed limit, and I've had people tailgate me and pass me (even when it's illegal) for it, even in school zones. There is no excuse for it.
- I would like to see pedestrian friendly access to downtown and shopping areas

- Greenways from neighborhoods to parks/recreation areas like Womble Park.
- Development should ALWAYS consider the pedestrian when planning. Traffic cannot be helped, but think of Greenways, Parks, and other avenues outside from and away from traffic corridors. Make alternative routes for pedestrian travel to other areas. Don't make the same mistakes as other communities. We are early along in the planning stage. Don't mess it up!
- I love to walk but find it unsafe crossing hwy 55 from Somerset Farms to Ralph Stevens road (only area conducive to exercising) especially after the widening of 55. I am willing to help or help fund a connection from our residential area to the town and parks and greenways.
- Connect neighborhoods with downtown
- Somerset Farm area needs access to greenways being planned.
- I live in Somerset Farm Drive and have lived here for 6 years - I am excited about the growth in the area but am disappointed since they put Highway 55 expansion they removed our sidewalks near the highway
- Fuquay has sidewalks from downtown all the way down 55 to the city limits so I know it was not a safety issue. I would love to walk somewhere other than around the neighborhood- would love to walk to Womble Park. When we run we have to run on the roads which is not wide enough for cars and pedestrians.
- PLEASE give us a way to get out of our subdivision besides driving! Would love to stay in HS but if we do not develop the areas properly it will cause people to move elsewhere.
- I would like any greenways or trails to be marked with mileage signs, or have the information available on the web. I'd really love trails from the back of Somerset Farm subdivision to both Womble Park and Bass Lake Park. I'm certain they would get lots of use.
- I'd like to be sure the Somerset Farms subdivision isn't left out of any plans that are taking place.
- It would be good to have pedestrian friendly access from Route 55 (Somerset Farms) to downtown Holly Springs.
- None.. Let's put the money in something other than Greenways which over time become less and less used but still have to be maintained.
- Please do something to connect somerset farms to downtown Holly Springs. I would never dare walk or ride bikes into town with my children now but would LOVE to. I hope this greenway system doesn't ONLY cater

to the richest areas of Holly Springs (Sunset Ridge). They get everything else!

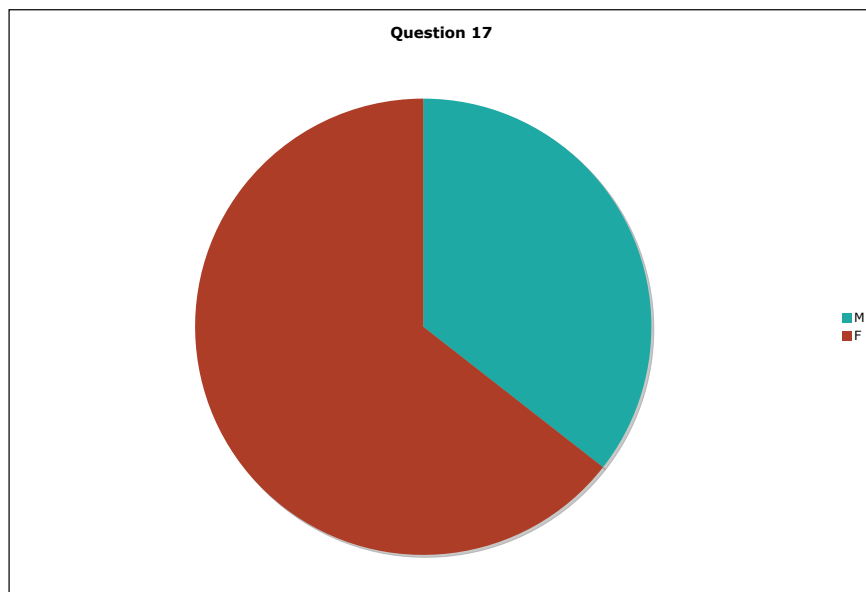
- We would like to see a greenway system throughout the town of Holly Springs and more pedestrian friendly roadways (Main Street).
- Greenway/trail or sidewalks from Somerset Farm towards Holly Springs to Womble Park.
- I would like to see Somerset Farm subdivision have more pedestrian access to downtown Holly Springs, Womble Park, and the future WalMart shopping center across from our subdivision. There used to be a sidewalk in front of our subdivision so you could walk to the other side while next to hwy 55, but after widening the road it was taken up. We have no pedestrian friendly access to anywhere but within our neighborhood. It would be nice to conserve fuel by having places to walk to. Also, I think there should be more greenways in Holly Springs that link up to Bass Lake, which would make it a more visited place by Holly Springs residents!
- I would like to see sidewalks downtown and in Somerset Farm, so that we may walk to the new library and shopping areas.
- Safe access to sidewalks or greenways
- Is anyone going to the schools to teach the kids what way to face the traffic when walking or riding a bike?
- Just make it a priority. Educate people. It would open up all Holly springs' little bubble neighborhoods...
- Our Mayor still refers to this community as a town, a place that is unique. If you don't enable the people of a town to walk to get places, we are going to end up being another sprawl that isolates people. We need to be able to bring people together without having to worry about huge parking areas. Connecting the PEOPLE to the businesses/libraries/restaurants/parks with sidewalks will enable us to keep the 'town' identity and a Unique and special place to live.
- I would like to see trails (walk and bike) from the Somerset Farms subdivision to downtown Holly Springs.
- Walkways connecting neighborhoods to shopping, restaurants and parks. Nature trails.

## 16. *What is your zip code?*

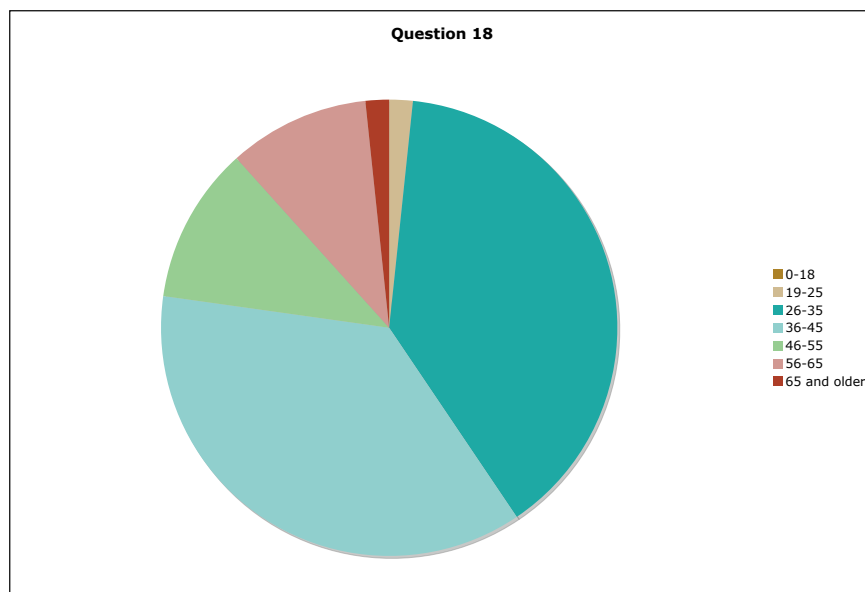
186 people responded to this question. 183 people were from Holly Springs, 1 person was from Raleigh, and 2 people were from Apex. 17 people did not answer this question,



17. What is your gender?



18. What is your age?

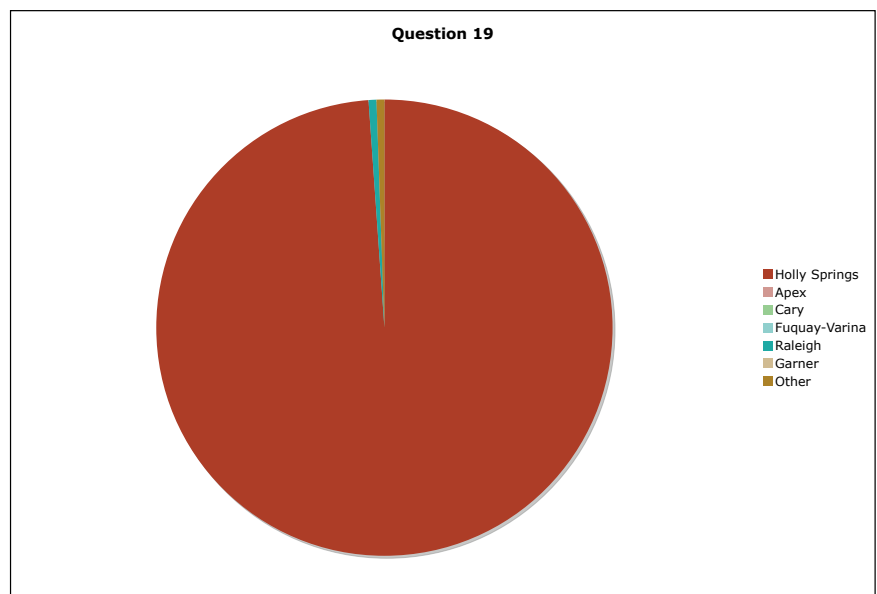


### 19. *Where do you live?*

This question required respondents to list their town of residence. 189 people responded to this question. 187 people were from Holly Springs, 1 person was from Raleigh, and 1 person listed “other”.

### 20. *Please provide your email address below if you would like to stay up to date with the Holly Springs Pedestrian Transportation Plan.*

This question required an open-ended response from each person, prompting for a complete email address. 134 people answered this question. 69 people did not supply an email address.



## A.3 General Comments

During the planning process, numerous emails were sent to the Town of Holly Springs, discussing specific issues or concerns from area residents. The following list summarizes the content of those emails.

### Maintenance Issues

- Clay run-off causes sloppy and slippery sidewalks

### Requested Improvements

- Bass Lake Road (mixed use bicycle and pedestrian- instead of just sidewalk) a High Priority Segment
- Sidewalk along Avent Ferry Road (Bypass to Town) x 2
- Sidewalks along Sunset Lake Road (Sunset Lake to Harris teeter Shopping Center) x 2
- Fill sidewalk gaps (Oak Hall to Walgreens)
- Fill sidewalk gaps (West Lake to Harris Teeter)
- Crossing (grade change if possible) Holly Springs Road
- Sidewalk/Fill Gaps along Grimsby (inside curve at Womble Park across from Parkside Village – sidewalk stub at Lakeside to Greenway stub in Womble Park) X 4
- Sidewalk along Grimsby (Stinton to Raleigh Street) x 2
- Sidewalk along Main to town
- Sidewalk or paved improvement along Holly Springs Road (Spring Meadow subdivision to Bass Lake Shopping Center)
- Sidewalks along Optimist Farm Road (Sunset Lake Road to City boundary, Sunset Oaks Subdivision)
- Safer Bus Stop along Optimist Farm Road
- Lighting at intersection of Firefly and Sunset Lake Road
- Sidewalk and /or bike lanes along Bass Lake Road/or alternative off-road (Shopping Center to Bass Lake)

### General Comments or Suggestions

- Slow down traffic coming into town
- Parking on sidewalks, sections that cross driveways?
- Expand Audience to include...
  - Kids on bikes
  - Skateboarders
  - Rollerbladers

